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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a)

ATTENTION: Box Issue Fee

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Entry of the following amendment pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.312(a) is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

at page 1, line 9, between "08/746,036" and "filed" please insert —now U.S. Patent No. 5,900,481,—;

at page 1, line 10, please replace "Acid" with —Acids—;

at page 3, line 8, please replace "Wang resin" with +Wang resin

(4 – (hydroxymethyl)phenoxymethylcopoly(styrene – 1% divinylbenzene(DVB)

resin) +;

at page 3, lines 8 and 9, please replace "Sephadex and Sepharose," with

#dextran cross—linked with epichlorohydrin (e.g., Sephadex^R), and agarose

(e.g., Sepharose^R), A√

at page 3, line 33, after "solid support" please replace "," with —.—;

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